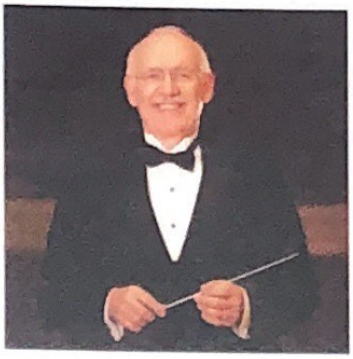
Montana All-State Music Gala Concert

October 20, 2023
Dennison Theatre, Missoula, MT

Angela Kasper
All-State Choir



Larry Gookin
All-State Band

Timothy Dixon
All-State Orchestra

In conjunction with the 86th annual conference
of the Montana Music Educators Association.

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Dr. James Smart, band host
Dr. Luis Millán, orchestra host

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All-State Choir

Angela Kasper, conductor *Mac Merchant, piano*

Wild Forces.....Jake Runestad

Father Thunder.....Laura Jekabsone

Swing Low, Sail High.....Wailin' Jennys
arr. Powers

Let Praises Rise.....Myron Butler
arr. McLoughlin

Sacred Stepping Stones.....Lisa Young

North.....Sleeping at Last
Ryan O'Neal

Soprano 1
Kennis Bingham, Glacier
Ginny Dunnington, Bozeman
Katia Fain, Hamilton
Danica Felton, Stevensville
Ellie Fiala, Glacier
Kay Fife, Hellgate
Sienna Grinager, Gallatin
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Alivia Haskell, Gallatin
Adrianna Helfrich, Capital
Kyanna Hoekema, Manhattan Chrstn
Gracyne Johnson, Flathead
Cameron McFarland, Big Sky
Elli Page, Bozeman
Lenni Santiago, Big Sky
Emma Schwindt, Frenchtown
Fiona Shanahan, Whitefish
Maya Smith, Glacier
Marlee Thivierge, Havre
Lily Van Grinsven, Hellgate

Soprano 2
Lyla Ackerman, Helena
Ansleigh Baker, Skyview
Kara Baugh, Charles M. Russell
Estella Best, Hellgate
Julia Bushard, Charles M. Russell
Noel Cantrell, Glacier
McKiyah Carlson, Belgrade
Lily Clark, Hellgate
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Emma Gammill, Great Falls
Aletta Hagen, Great Falls
Hannah Hill, Great Falls
Katelyn Hill, Great Falls
Callie Hill, Hamilton
Janie Hollowell, Skyview
Kyrah Mitchell, Beaverhead Co.
Maeve O'Brien, Bozeman
Halle Pearson, Skyview
Emily Reser, Capital
Cielo Sallee, Glacier

Alto 1
Sophia Bennett, Flathead
Mariah Brinda, Big Sky
Makena Carlson, Bozeman
Zayda Cruz, Gallatin
Cadence Denney, Flathead
Hailey DeRosa, Sentinel
Sophia Engelhardt, Glacier
Alexandra Hughes, Laurel
Avalon Hughes, Billings Senior
Anna Hull, Dawson County
Lindzy Jensen, Laurel
Olivia Kailey, Beaverhead County
Emma Lovaas, Beaverhead County
Liv Marble, Big Sky
Lilliana Miller, Charles M. Russell
Gretchen Morgan, Hellgate
Olga Pasyuk, Big Sky
Reyna Post, Hamilton
Anya Rountree, Glacier
Carynda Smith, Big Sky

Alto 2
Haley Aippersbach, Gallatin
Brooklyn Boehner, Big Sky
Alli Buls, Glacier
Scarlet Burke ,Whitefish
Kate Chambless, Billings Central
Kyslei Devlin, Hamilton
Karlee Erickson, East Helena
Ella Fedyk, Bozeman
Sidni French, Jefferson
Malia Gunterman, Stevensville
Chloe Hankins, Big Sky
Isabel Holtmeyer, Bozeman
Danni Kober, Three Forks
Nora McKelvey, C.M. Russell
Ella Nasset, Helena
Lily Osborne, Hellgate
Elizabeth Rieke, Skyview
Riley Robbinson-Yataw, Bozeman
Shannon Shae, Flathead
Grace Thum, Bozeman

Tenor 1
Aaron Baillet, Laurel
Peyton Bicha, Flathead
Alex Broker, Bozeman
Badge Busse, Flathead
Calvin Casey, Glacier
Gabriel Hendrix, Hellgate
Luke Highfill, Belt
Bridger Jones, Big Sky
Alden Lamson, Glacier
Noah Olmsted, Big Sky
Jack Orthman, C.M. Russell
Gabriel Proctor, Glasgow
Joshua Shettel, C.M. Russell
Tristan Smeltz, Skyview
Zachary Steward, East Helena
Gordon Stewart, Ronan
Cole Stuart, C.M. Russell
Brayden Taylor, Great Falls
Chris Valach, Beaverhead Co.
Stormy Young, Skyview

Tenor 2
Xander Becker, Ronan
Greyson Brady, Havre
Grant Brumwell, C.M. Russell
Gavin Budge, Skyview
Nolan Call, C.M. Russell
Jonah Daniels, Bozeman
Nicolas Govea, Britton Laurel
Logan Holder, Flathead
Isaiah Jacobson, Glacier
Grayson Kiser, Great Falls
Zach Malczyk, Bozeman
Nathan Marley, Dawson Co.
Collin Olson, Flathead
Kaden Stonehocker, Billings Sr.
Oak Sullivan, Bozeman
Israel Swanson, Great Falls
Michael Vatoussis, Hellgate
Ulrich Warner, Glacier
London Werner, Bozeman
Nate Wilhelm, Flathead

Bass 1
Ethan Anderson, Glacier
David Bond, Great Falls
Ethan Brown, Skyview
Levi Conner, Hamilton
Seth Cothran, Glacier
Bayliss Cummings, Flathead
Chase Erickson, Great Falls
Gareth Jelley, Flathead
Kilian Kroenke, Hellgate
Liam Maroncelli, Skyview
Cadence Mauldin, Seeley-Swan
Alex Mizner, Bozeman
Benjamin Moore, Flathead
Noah Murphy, Three Forks
Ryker Parkman, Flathead
Joshua Schultz, C.M. Russell
Keenan Seltzer, Great Falls
Luke Smalley, Big Sky
Grayson Vallette, Flathead
Theron Wilton, Glacier

Bass 2
Troy Arveson, Dawson County
Raiden Bialorucki, Dawson Co.
Rory Castriz, Charles M. Russell
Grant Clark, Gallatin
Remington Haslam, Billings West
David Hisaw, Hellgate
AJ Hoppner, Big Sky
Andrew Kersten, Flathead
CJ Killham, Skyview
Ryan Kitzmiller, Flathead
Logan Lorengo, Anaconda
Clayton Lutey, Bozeman
Ayden Manning, Big Sky
John Nelson, Hellgate
Merlin Parsons, Hellgate
Levi Pufahl, Bozeman
Kian Ryan, Great Falls
Dominic Venters, Polson
Joseph Wallette, Skyview
Gabe Zech, Great Falls

All-State Band

Larry Gookin, conductor

Gavorkna Fanfare.....Jack Stamp

Fantasia in GM.....J.S. Bach

California.....David Maslanka

Illumination.....David Maslanka

Flute
Elsa Austin, Bozeman
Alexis Beckman-Gomez, Capital
Ella Charette, Billings Senior
Mica Kantor, Sentinel
Samuel McCarter, Sentinel
Taylor Pooton, Flathead
Emma Seitz, Big Sky
Lola Snell, Malta
Amelia Thompson, Billings West
Isha VanderBeek, Fergus
Andey Weitz, Sentinel
Ivory West, Hellgate

Oboe
Zach Baldwin, Hellgate
Thomas Byron, Capital
Owen Schultz, Gallatin
Abby Wheeler, Superior

Clarinet
Lydia Becker, Sentinel
Lauren Bissen, Glacier
Emmaline Blake, Charles M. Russell
Audrey Bledsoe, Flathead
Brooklyn Cameron, Charles M. Russell
William Carlson, Gallatin
Josie Christiansen, Sentinel
Patrick DelHomme, Loyola Sacred Heart
Wesley Dennison, Hellgate
Brogan Downey, Sentinel
Meyer Fauth, Glacier
Ari-El Gray, Charles M. Russell
Camerin Gregoire, Sentinel
Aubrey Hawley, Beaverhead County
Logan Hettick, Big Sky
Jonas Hibbs, Charles M. Russell
Ella Idleman, Whitefish
Yulena Jasper, Skyview
Skylar Knapp, Frenchtown
Jack Martin, Hellgate
Alexa McLean, Florence-Carlton
Mira Murphy, Billings West
Hyun Joon Na, Hellgate
Ascher Ondick, Great Falls
Kala Pinsondumm, Sentinel
Zoe Quilici, Big Sky
Eleni Spaliatsos, Hellgate
Zachary Steenson, Charles M. Russell
Summer Tegeder, Sentinel
Tessa Wilson, Flathead

Bass Clarinet
Sylas DeBusk, Sentinel
Landyn Ducept, Sentinel
Johanna Eibs, Gallatin
Sasha Johnston, Whitefish

Bassoon
Allison Abel, Whitefish
Scotlen Brown, C.M. Russell
Ainsley Kubas, Great Falls
Michael Ninichuck, Billings Sr.
Hannah Thompson, Billings Sr.
Mack Williams, Hellgate
Miranda Wodarz, Hellgate

Alto Saxophone
Julien Alviar, Hellgate
Kei Braun, Gallatin
Zach Broveak, Billings West
Aviv Guscio, Sentinel
August Hickey, Hellgate
Jeremiah Mackey, Sentinel
Adam Rupsis, Billings West
Peyton Woodrum, Sentinel

Tenor Saxophone
Abbey Biel, Columbia Falls
Rikyn Milliron, Laurel
Benjamin Myers, Sentinel

Baritone Saxophone
Jack Lippy, Florence-Carlton
Emily Mavencamp, Billings Senior

Horn
Maggie Daniels, Havre
Finley Durocher, Charles M. Russell
Madeleine Grise, Sentinel
Emily Jehle, West Yellowstone
Marybelle Osborne, Capital
Bjorn Peterson, Big Sky
Meredith Rentz, Billings Senior
Evey Sather, Billings Senior
Dann Shults, East Helena
Ella Slote, Sentinel
Mae Turoski, Bozeman
Scarlet van Garderen, Belgrade

Piano
Tasmin Hastings, UM (South Africa)

Trumpet
Luke Auer, Billings Central
Alan Bassett, Great Falls
Jackson Bautista, Great Falls
John Boomer, Sentinel
India Buerkle, Bozeman
Dannielle Cromwell, Sentinel
Joseph Farris, Skyview
Maxwell Grise, Sentinel
Jacob Hansen, Charles M. Russell
Rylan Maurer, Great Falls
Jonah Nixdorf, Havre
Appollo Rowland, Great Falls
E'MBow SaintLouis, Malta
Milah Zamora, Florence-Carlton

Trombone
Calvin Andrews, Bozeman
Odin Berryman, Hellgate
Zachariah Brown, Charles M. Russell
Rachel Craw, Charles M. Russell
Evan Fisher, Columbia Falls
Martin Fulbright, Chester-Joplin-Inverness
Julian Ruiz, Sentinel
Dekker Surratt, Laurel
Grace Woldtvedt, Great Falls

Euphonium
Adam Bach, Billings Senior
Kaiden Gardner, Fergus
Micaiah Kizzar, Beaverhead County
Lexie Lee, Havre
Theresa Wick, Sidney

Tuba
Kane Aberle, Lockwood
Skyler Cameron, Whitefish
Lotus Helland, Columbia Falls
Tristen Jorgenson, Glacier
Samuel Kenck, Bozeman
Daxton Pettibone, Sentinel

Percussion
Arthur Boote, Sentinel
Aubrey Cruson, Sentinel
Carter Hoffman, Capital
Anthony Rangel, Charles M. Russell
Grant Schoenfeld, Florence-Carlton
Jacob Shepherd, Sentinel

All-State Orchestra

Timothy Dixon, conductor

Joyeuse Marche.....Emmanuel Chabrier

Karelia Overture.....Jean Sibelius

Finale from Symphony No. 4.....Pyotr Ilyitch Tchaikovsky

Flute
Hanna Jensen, Billings West
Benjamin Zielinski, Florence-Carlton
Julia Elkin, Charles M. Russell

Oboe
Eliza Seifert, Billings West
Brynn Allred, Sentinel

Bassoon
Sarah Ratz Hellgate
Hunter Farris Skyview

Clarinet
Samantha Ramirez, Billings West
Benjamin Derby, Billings West

Horn
Emma Guter, Great Falls
Dyson Linden, Flathead
Colby Wagner, Charles M. Russell
Aila Wood, Great Falls
Alexandra Hansen, Bozeman

Trumpet
Jackson Stiehl, Sentinel
Naomi Shaw, Billings Senior
Maclain Olson, Billings Senior
Dominic Gingerelli, Hellgate

Trombone
Landon Crook, Charles M. Russell
Bjorn Bungener, Whitefish
Meika Arensmeyer, Capital

Tuba
Hailey Powell, Beaverhead Co.

Percussion
Aiden Felker, Laurel
Maxim Kolberg, Sentinel
Matthew Shields, East Helena
Connor Sturges, Great Falls

Violin 1
Robert Black, Bozeman
Alex Brown, Billings Senior
Storey Caldwell, Hellgate
Avena Chao, Hellgate
Aaron Chun, Gallatin
Elliott Cleary, Helena
Ravenor Davion, Gallatin
Moe Kobold, Billings Senior
Valentin Kunze, Bozeman
Paulette La Rue, Flathead
Caili Lowney, Helena
Wynn McCann, Hellgate
Mai McKelvey-Pham, Hellgate
Isabelle Poteet, Loyola
Jacqueline Santiglia, Gallatin
Seba Schroeder, Florence-Crltn
Tim Scott, Hellgate
Bergen Shager, Hellgate
Beatrice Shimanek, Hellgate
Amelia Watson, Corvallis
Mason Whitney, Capital
Faith You, Hellgate

Violin 2
Ella Balke, Hellgate
Hanna Beeler, Billings West
Hazel Bridge, Sentinel
Mac Carlson, C.M. Russell
Jazz Chin, Hellgate
Jacklyn Dutton, Billings Sr
Isaac Floyd, Skyview
Dexter French, Billings Sr
Soren Hanson, C.M. Russell
Laurel Hunt, C.M. Russell
Sarah Jacobson, Big Sky
Brock Johnston, Lockwood
Torrin Kale, Billings Senior
Maya Kane, Billings West
Carson Krack, Whitefish
Virginia Lowe, Billings Sr
Grace Mattern, Capital
Owen McDaniel, Helena

Violin 2 (cont'd)
Haven Oshell, Hamilton
Bridger Penny, Big Sky
Torsten Peterson, Big Sky
Madilyn Richards, Billings Sr
Lily Schmidt, Bozeman
McKenna Williams, Sentinel
Brooke Wiswell, Big Sky

Viola
Matthew Auge, Sentinel
Giana Chor, Anaconda
Jocelyn Covington, Corvallis
Chloe Dosier, Big Sky
Lucy Downey, Flathead
Sage Ekman, Billings West
Jackson Fiedler, Gallatin
Maia Huddleston, Bozeman
Ethan Jetmore, Great Falls
Pranshu Krishna, Gallatin
Abigale Lawson, Great Falls
Jackson Matney-Baggett, Bzmn
Vienna Meiners, C.M. Russell
Teia Nash, Sentinel
Alexandra Pinneo, Great Falls
Trey St. John, Great Falls
Chloe Tschetter, Billings West
Adeline Walters, Capital

Cello
Brooke Best, Hellgate
Caimbrie Brost, C.M.Russell
Aine Cleary, Helena
Freya Elias, Helena
Hollis Elliott, Capital
Anastasia Grayl, Gallatin
Evan Guthridge, Billings West
Clara Harmon, Helena
Mayana Kantor, Sentinel
Danica Lewis, C.M. Russell
Lillyana Mollenkopf, Glacier
Henri Naughton, Hellgate

Cello (cont'd)
Joseph Pallo, Florence-Crltn
Morgan Ray, Great Falls
Max Rosen, Hellgate
Charles Snellman, Capital
Adelaide Terwilliger, Hellgate
Carter Uhrich, Billings West
Alexis White, Great Falls
Salena Wilbur, Gallatin

String Bass
Emerson Brannum, Sentinel
Parker Cline, Sentinel
John Craw, Charles M. Russell
Landon Gainan ,Billings Senior
Kai Knight, Corvallis
Malakai Murphy, Hellgate
Marlis Nargi, Whitefish
Charlie Somers, Skyview
Victoria Wallace, Billings West
Heidi Webster, Ronan

Angela Kasper was recently hired at Western Washington University where she conducts three choirs and teaches undergraduate courses in choral methods. Before this appointment, she was Director of Choral Activities at the University of St. Thomas for 20 years during which time her choirs performed at national, regional, and state conventions of the American Choral Director's Association and toured extensively in Asia, Europe and South America.

In addition to her university responsibilities, Dr. Kasper presents for national, regional, and state conventions of the American Choral Directors Association, the National Association for Music Education, the Organization of American Kodály Educators, and the American Orff-Schulwerk Association. She serves as guest conductor for numerous honor choirs including the ACDA National Children's Honor Choir in 2015, honor choirs at the Eastern, Southern, Southwest, North Central, Northwest and Central Division ACDA regional conferences, National Honor Choirs at numerous OAKE conferences, and all-state choirs in more than 35 states. International conducting engagements include honor choirs in Beijing, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Seoul, Qingdao, Nanjing, Guangzhou and Dubai.

Dr. Kasper received her D.M.A. degree from the University of Oklahoma and her M.M. and B.M.E. degrees from Indiana University. Her research interests include authentic, respectful performance of music from diverse cultures as well as the exploration of varied vocal colors that are possible with this repertoire. Recently, she presented keynote speeches around the themes of community and inclusion within the choral experience and is serving on the National ACDA Committee for Diversity Initiatives. She served as guest editor of the April 2006 Choral Journal and has written articles for the Choral Journal in 2017, 2011, 2008, and 2006. Other publications include the July 2000 Music Educators Journal, the NAfME Spotlight on Teaching Chorus, as well as many local and regional music publications. The book she coauthored with Mary Goetze and Ruth Boshkoff, Educating Young Singers, is published with GIA.

Larry Gookin is Distinguished Professor and Emeritus Professor of Music at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, WA. He taught for 34 years as Director of Bands before retiring from CWU in 2015. Before CWU, Professor Gookin taught in Montana and Oregon public schools for ten years. During his tenure at Central, the CWU Wind Ensemble performed by invitation at major conferences and conventions, including the College Band Directors National Association Conferences in Boulder and Seattle, the Music Educators National Conference in Minneapolis, the Western International Band Clinics in Seattle, the Western/Northwestern CBDNA Division Conferences in Reno, the Northwest Division NAFME conferences, and WMEA State Conferences.

Larry Gookin has received numerous honors and awards. He has served as president of the Northwestern Division of the CBDNA, Divisional Chairman for the National Band Association, and Vice President of the Washington Music Educators Association.

He is a member of the American Bandmasters Association and the WMEA Hall of Fame, and he is a past recipient of the NBA "Citation of Excellence Award," the First Chair of America "Mac" Award, the ASBDA Stansbury Award, the WIAA/WMEA teacher of the year award, and the University of Oregon's School of Music Distinguished Alumnus Award. Gookin was also named CWU Distinguished Professor of Teaching, and while at Central he served as Associate Chair and Coordinator of Graduate Studies. In 2016, Gookin was elected into the Northwest Bandmaster's Association, and in 2017 he received the National Association for Music Education Distinguished Service Award. He is former principal trombone of the Eugene and Yakima Symphony Orchestras, and is Emeritus Artistic Director/Conductor of the Seattle Wind Symphony.

Professor Gookin received the M.M. in Music Education from the University of Oregon School of Music in 1977 and the B.M in Music Education and Trombone Performance from the University of Montana in 1971. Professor Gookin has appeared as clinician, adjudicator, and conductor in the United States, Canada, Japan, Southeast Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. He is a Yamaha Master Educator and remains active as a conductor, clinician, and adjudicator. Gookin resides in Ellensburg, Washington, with his wife Karen, Emeritus Professor of English at CWU and former piccolo/ flutist with the Yakima Symphony Orchestra.

Timothy Dixon is Director of Orchestral Studies / Professor of Music at Messiah University (PA), and the Music Director / Conductor of the American Youth Philharmonic (VA). At Messiah University, he conducts the symphony orchestra, chamber orchestra, and opera productions, and teaches conducting at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Under his leadership, the orchestras at Messiah University have been selected to perform at conferences of the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association, and the National Association for Music Education, and have won multiple awards from the National Opera Association. Dixon is the Conductor Laureate of the West Shore Symphony Orchestra (PA) and has been a regular conductor of the Harrisburg Opera Association and Pennsylvania Regional Ballet. Active nationally and internationally, Dixon has conducted numerous all-state and other festival orchestras, as well as professional orchestras in the United States, Germany and Ukraine.

Before moving to Pennsylvania, Dixon served as conductor of the University of Iowa Philharmonia Orchestra, and the Preucil School String Orchestra, a youth ensemble which has been featured on public radio and television as well as in international festivals and tours. Timothy Dixon has also served as the conductor of the Middletown Youth Symphony (OH), the Saginaw Bay Youth Orchestra (MI), and the Michigan State University Campus Orchestra. Dixon also served as a music educator, grades 4-12, in the Middletown City School District (OH).

Timothy Dixon holds the Doctor of Musical Arts in Orchestral Conducting from the University of Iowa, the M.M. in Orchestral Conducting from Michigan State University, and a B.A. and B.M. in Music and Music Education, respectively, from Miami University (OH). Timothy Dixon lives in Camp Hill, PA with his wife Roxanne, a music educator and clinician, and his children Delaney and Alex.

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